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The Board of Commissioners
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Genesee & Wyoming, Inc.

FD 35654

Dear Commissioners:

Please register JH Kelly Holding LLC's strong support for Genesee & Wyoming's (G&W) proposed acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. We are the owners of a large bio-refinery that is serviced by G&W. Our facility is the largest dry mill ethanol plant on the West Coast of the United States and is strategically located on the Columbia River near Clatskanie, OR. We employ in excess of 70 workers, and we rely on G&W for the delivery of up to 12,000 rail cars of corn per year to keep our plant operational. We have found G&W to be responsive, creative and customer-oriented, even when their counterparts at the major rail lines are not. We have also been pleased with G&W's willingness to assist in difficult negotiations with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and we can only assume that their acquisition of RailAmerica will only increase the short line's clout with the majors – and bolster their ability to stand up for and champion the customers in their backyard. There is no overlap by G&W and RailAmerica in our service area, and we therefore have no concerns about any anti-competitive effect resulting from this merger.

As you are aware, short line and regional freight railroads are a critical component of our organization's supply chain, and G&W's 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company and our customers with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner. G&W's financial strength and long-term view allow them to properly invest in rail infrastructure – as well as making investments to support customer growth projects.

We very much appreciate your consideration of G&W's application and our perceptions of the proposed transaction. We strongly urge you and the Surface Transportation Board to approve of and authorize this acquisition with all due haste. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mason M. Evans
President

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